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TO Chief, SR INFO Chief, EE; COS/Germany		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. []	
FROM Chief, of Base, Frankfurt		DATE DEC 21 1961	
SUBJECT CALL BPACKAGE REDSKIN AEABYSS REDWOOD Debriefing of AEABYSS-1		<input type="checkbox"/> RE "43-3" - CHECK "43-28" <input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HQ INDEXING REQUIRED <small>INDEXING CAN BE CARRIED BY QUALIFIED HQ INDEX CTR</small>	
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 1. On 11 December the writer, using the alias of [] and [] and cover, met with AEABYSS-1 for a lengthy debriefing session. Contact with AEABYSS-1 was effected through [] who notified us of the return of AEABYSS-1 on 8 December. The debriefing took place in the home and in the presence of AEABYSS-4 in Salzgitter-Lebenstedt.

2. AEABYSS-1 was fully cooperative and expressed every willingness to continue to cooperate with us. If we are to take AEABYSS-1's own declaration at face value, his motivation for cooperating with us is based upon a deep-seated hate and distrust which he professes for the Soviets and the Soviet system. He makes no secret of the fact that he did all he could during WW II to strengthen the German war effort to bring about the defeat of Communism. He still feels the U.S. should have sided with Germany at that time to finish off the Soviets. Now, he maintains, the West must do everything in its power to keep the Soviets in check and to employ every available means to obtain information on the USSR designed to learn about her future plans and intentions. (Note: We have no doubt that AEABYSS-1 harbors violent anti-Soviet sentiments, but this attitude did not preclude his accepting the construction assignment in Salavat.)

3. During the debriefing it became increasingly clear that AEABYSS-1 was unable to supply any information of operational interest and that his chief contribution in terms of PI was a description of the chemical complex with which he was connected in Salavat. In this context AEABYSS-1 has provided a report of the physical layout of the combinat 18 at Salavat, estimated production figures, information on the chemical byproducts retrieved from the waste gases of the combinat, power plants, transportation facilities, and new construction. This material has been forwarded to FOB Reports for processing.

4. Observations in Salavat: No military units of any type are stationed in Salavat. The only time AEABYSS-1 saw a military contingent in Salavat - 100 men strong - was during the May Day celebration. AEABYSS-1 believes the unit to have been brought in from Ufa specifically for this occasion. AEABYSS-1 estimates the uniformed police force to number not more than perhaps 20 men. Most police seen in Salavat are members of the militia, identifiable by red arm bands but otherwise wearing civilian garb. AEABYSS-1 observed no civil defense activity in Salavat or in the KOMBINAT 18. He saw no air raid alarm systems, drills, AB shelters, nor did he hear of any plans to set up a civil defense system in the future. AEABYSS-1 described Salavat as an overgrown and drear village, but expanding rapidly. About 15,000 people of a total population of 60,000 are said to be engaged in construction work alone in Salavat and at the KOMBINAT 18. Two-thirds of this work force allegedly are women. 10,000 to 12,000 workers are employed at the KOMBINAT. AEABYSS-1 was asked to obtain a town plan of Salavat and whatever maps and pictures of the region he could obtain.

5. Living Quarters for the Germans in Salavat: AEABYSS-1 and several of his assistants live at the GOSTINIZA URAL, the only hotel in Salavat. The Germans, mechanics and monteurs, live in assigned billets at Karl Marx Street 18. All Germans are checked when leaving or entering their living quarters. All are supposed to be in their quarters not later than midnight.

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 5. Security Measures: The Germans are permitted free movement in the town of Salavat and in a limited area surrounding Salavat. Photography is permitted in Salavat and of the polyethylene plant under construction in the

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KOMBINAT. All other photography is strictly forbidden. Travel to areas outside the limits cited above is prohibited and granted to the Germans only for business reasons.

6. Travel: AEABYSS-1 made two flying trips to Moscow in 1961 for discussions with TECHMASCHIMPORT. He was accompanied on each trip by a Soviet interpreter. On two occasions AEABYSS-1 also traveled to Novokuibishev for discussions of company business with Salzgitter personnel at the Novokuibishev low-pressure polyethylene construction site. These trips were made by train, again in company of a Soviet interpreter. On route AEABYSS-1 stopped briefly in Ufa and drove with the Soviet interpreter through the city. He had nothing of interest to report. According to AEABYSS-1 there is one train each day from Salavat to Ufa. The train leaves Salavat at 0729 and arrives in Ufa at 0830. One train each day also runs from Ufa to Salavat; this train leaves Ufa at 0020 arriving in Salavat at 0615. Two daily busses are also said to communicate between Salavat and Ufa. AEABYSS-1 has not used this type of transportation and is not familiar with the bus schedule. On his flight from Moscow to East Berlin in December of this year AEABYSS-1 noted that the Soviets at the Moscow airport checked his travel documents only but showed no concern for his luggage.

7. Soviets in KOMBINAT 18: In his capacity as construction chief AEAEMSS-1 comes in contact with the following Soviets:

- * HERESOVSKIY, fnu
Chief of KOMBINAT 18
- * GUTKOV, fnu
Commercial Director of KOMBINAT 18
- * FILARETOV, fnu
Director for Construction at KOMBINAT 18
- * NIERENBERG, fnu
Director for Production Distribution at KOMBINAT 18
- * SISIN, fnu
Chief of High-Pressure Polyethylene Plant in KOM. 18

(Names were spelled by AEABYSS-1 as given: none listed in SMOS.) AEABYSS-1 stated his relationship with these Soviets is on a strictly business-like basis and conversations with them take place in the presence of a Soviet interpreter. AEABYSS-1 speaks little or no Russian. His relationship with lesser Soviets he described as similarly formal, stating that he could not afford to involve ^{unnecessarily} any of the Soviets in conversation designed to probe for possibly existing data. He declared that any suspicion on their part that he might be engaged in conspiratorial activity would render his position in Salavat untenable. He added that the difficulties and chicaneries placed in his way by some Soviets at the construction site could be overcome only by his having ready access to the KOMBINAT management whose trust and confidence he must retain in order to be able to complete his construction assignment.

8. Operational lead: AEABYSS-1 had no information concerning the Soviets selected from Novokubishev for training at Schloeven-Chemie in Gelsenkirchen, West Germany. He said no Soviets from Salavat would require training in West Germany for the operation of the high-pressure polyethylene plant when completed. He said that all necessary instructions for the operation of the plant would be given to the Soviets in Salavat when the plant begins to operate. When asked whether he could recommend a person in the Salzgitter firm who would be knowledgeable on Soviets visiting in West Germany, he named Identity-1 (cited in Para. 5 of Ref. A) as the best qualified candidate. AEABYSS-1 said Identity-1 (Para. 5, Ref. A) would be in charge of all Soviet visitors coming to West Germany on Salzgitter business and that Identity-1 in this capacity could be a valuable contact for us. We intend to follow this lead. POA traces on Identity-1 are being requested separately.

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9. AEABYSS-1 returns to Salavat on 4 January 1962. He expects to return to Germany in July or August 1962 when the construction assignment in Salavat will be completed. He has declared himself willing to cooperate within the limitations imposed upon him as discussed in Para. 7. One more meeting with AEABYSS-1 will take place prior to his return to the USSR. During this meeting, we will impress upon AEABYSS-1 once more the types of personality information on Soviets which is desired.

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Approved: A. M. L.

Attachment: Identity Sheet, USC forwarded to me 5 Jan 62

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